GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 6.34 ha. of forest land in Kancherlamoram RF & Kancherlamoram Extn. RF of Proddatur (WL) Division for erection of 220 KV Dc line from 400 KV Talamanchipatnam SS to 220 KV SS Porumamilla, in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APTRANSCO – Final (stage-II) approval accorded

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ENVIRONEMNT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.71 **Dated.30.09.2022**

Read the following:-

1) From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.10614/2014/FCA-3(i), dt.03.07.2017 & 16.08.2017.
2) State Govt.Lr.2895/Sec.II/2017, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.19.09.2017.
3) From the GoI, MoEF & CC, Lr.No.4-APC044/2017-CHN/0986, dt.19.06.2019.
4) From the PCCF&HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15035/3/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dt. 17.08.2022.
5) State Govt.Lr.2895/Sec.II/2017/257055, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.07.09.2022.
6) From the GoI, MoEF & CC, Lr.No.4-APC044/2017-CHN/571, dt.20.09.2022.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 6.34 Ha of forest land in Kancherlamoram RF & Kancherlamoram Extn. RF of Proddatur (WL) Division for erection of 220 KV Dc line from 400 KV Talamanchipatnam SS to 220 KV SS Porumamilla, in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APTRANSCO, Kadapa and requested to forward it to the GoI, MoEF&CC, RO, Chennai for consideration of the proposal.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Chennai, for its approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Integrated Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Chennai, have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions stipulated therein.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the PCCF & HoFF, has furnished the compliance report on the Stage-I conditions and requested to forward it to the GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada for taking necessary action for according Stage-II approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Accordingly, State Government forwarded the compliance report to the GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Vijayawada and requested to accord Final(Stage-II) approval for the proposal vide letter in the 5th read above.

5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada, have accorded (Stage-II) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 6.34 Ha of forest land in Kancherlamoram RF & Kancherlamoram Extn. RF of Proddatur (WL) Division for erection of 220 KV Dc line from 400 KV Talamanchipatnam SS to 220 KV SS Porumamilla, in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APTRANSCO, Kadapa, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

6. After careful examination of the proposal, the Government hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 6.34 Ha of forest land in Kancherlamoram RF & Kancherlamoram Extn. RF of Proddatur (WL) Division for erection of 220 KV Dc line

from 400 KV Talamanchipatnam SS to 220 KV SS Porumamilla, in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APTRANSCO, Kadapa, subject to the following conditions:-

i. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;

ii. As reported, the UA demarcated the proposed forest area for diversion, hence, the State Forest Department and the User Agency shall ensure the demarcated area intact and shall ensure no deviation in the approved alignment;

iii. The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and its maintenance over **13.75** ha of degraded forest area in Compt No 219, Tellapadu RF, Balayapalli Beat of Porumamilla Range from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;

iv. The degraded forest land identified for CA and the approved CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government and the State Forest Department shall ensure that the amount realized from the User Agency towards CA should not be left unspent;

v. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;

vi. The User Agency and the State Forest Department shall comply with all the wildlife conservation conditions, mitigative measures imposed by the SC-NBWL and NTCA in toto. The State Forest Department shall ensure all such activities recommended by the NBWL shall be implemented from the amount already been realized i.e. Rs. 550 lakhs claimed to be deposited in the BIOSAT account. Compliance on implementation of such approved activities shall be reported to the respective division in the Ministry and a copy of such report shall be made available to the IRO Vijayawada;

vii. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to the minimum in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department; |

viii. The State Forest Department shall carry out plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the right of way and its maintenance under the transmission line from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;

ix. The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of the transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits;

x. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines issued by the Ministry for laying transmission lines through forest areas;

xi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;

xii. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;

xiii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;

xiv. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;

xv. The maximum width of right of way for the proposed transmission line on the forest land shall not be more than specific width for such 220 KV DC line;

xvi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;

xvii. Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;

xviii. Felling / pollarding / pruning of trees shall be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary during construction and maintenance of the transmission lines;

xix. In case the portion of the transmission line to be constructed is located in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut;

xx. All efforts shall be taken to minimize the felling of trees and the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees wherever feasible at the cost of the User Agency;

xxi. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **6.34 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;

xxii. The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation under the Jurisdiction of Proddatur (WL) Division shall be monitored by the respective Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada;

xxiii. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;

xxiv. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980;

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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